

Still in the hunt

SLOUGH Town and Enfield did Wycombe Wanderers a favour by drawing 0-0 in their key Berger Isthmian League championship clash at Wexham Park on Saturday.

This was the best possible result for Wycombe, who stayed two points clear at the top of the table although Slough still have three games in hand. Both title rivals, therefore dropped two points, and as they have to meet again this season, Wanderers are by no means out of the hunt.

All three challengers have home games this Saturday, Wycombe against Hendon, Slough versus Croydon and Enfield against Dulwich.

But before then Wycombe have a friendly against Swedish League side Rasunda at Loakes Park tonight (Tuesday).

BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION (Top of the table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	37	20	8	9	65	41	68
Slough	34	18	12	4	54	28	66
Enfield	36	18	10	8	64	40	64
Sutton	32	15	10	7	60	45	55
Leytonstone	33	15	9	9	58	45	54

TRING Town, from Division Two of the Berger Isthmian League, achieved something 18 Premier Division clubs have failed to do this season by winning at Loakes Park on Saturday.

Two goals in a two minute spell just before the end gave Tring a result to cherish and Wycombe one they could be ashamed of.

True, the match was only a friendly, but Wanderers, chasing the League championship, fielded a near full strength side and should have won this match with something to spare.

One sided

They can blame the bouncy pitch and lack of incentive for their defeat. But that explanation will not wash for the 200 people who paid money to watch.

The one reassuring factor to emerge from the game was — if Wanderers are to have an off day it might just as well come in a friendly rather than in a league match.

No one could have foreseen this result at the start, even though Wycombe were without Steve Long who cried off with a back injury.

By MICHAEL KNOX Wycombe 0, Tring 2

Reserves winger Nick Shrimpton, the original substitute, played throughout the 90 minutes, while manager Mike Keen wore the number 12 shirt.

There was only one side in the match during the first half, as Tring did not have one single shot at goal, while Wanderers missed numerous chances at the other end.

Their best effort came from Paul Birdseye who fired just wide from 20 yards following a run from halfway. Howard Kennedy twice went close — once with a fine free-kick — but main strikers Terry Glynn and Terry Scott were disappointing.

The same pattern continued in the second half. In-

deed at times there were 21 players in Tring's half of the field.

But realising they had nothing to fear, Tring started to produce some attacks of their own and substitute Fussell brought a low save from Lester.

Urgency

Wanderers appeared to be wilting in the sun and ten minutes from the end a mistake by Lester led to their going behind. He hesitated as a cross came into the goalmouth, and although he half-stopped Ayling's shot, Hunt nipped in to score.

Keen immediately came on for Keith Mead and two minutes later, the Wycombe defence was caught com-

pletely open by a quick break. White found himself unmarked on the edge of the area and he slammed a shot into the top left corner of the goal for a great score.

It was only then that Wycombe started to show some urgency and they did everything but score in the time that remained.

Two shots were cleared off the line following goalmouth scrambles while goalkeeper Mulford made two spectacular saves, one from Birdseye's shot which cannoned onto the bar.

But this was just not to be Wycombe's day. They forced 16 corners without reply but found themselves losing by two goals.

The result must have bemused Sheffield United's general manager Harry Haslam, who was watching the match scouting for players. He won't have had much joy either.

WYCOMBE: G. Lester; P. Birdseye, G. Borg, R. Davies, K. Mead (sub: M. Keen 80 mins), R. Dell, M. Hollifield, H. Kennedy, T. Glynn, T. Scott, N. Shrimpton.

TRING: R. Mulford; S. Munroe, T. Farrelley, R. Brimmon, N. Blackwell, P. J. Johnson, M. Ayling, C. White, G. Calverley, A. Ryan (sub: M. Fussell), P. Hunt.

Referee: P. Lambourne (H. Wycombe).
Half-time: 0-0. Scorers: Tring — Hunt (80), White (82).

Toll hat-trick

GARY Toll scored a hat-trick for Wycombe Reserves as they destroyed Corinthian Casuals Reserves 10-1 in the Suburban League North Division on Saturday.

Andy Hunt (2), Mark Richardson (2), Ken Wilson (2) and Anton Vircaus also found the target. Corinthian's only reply was also scored by a Wycombe player, Graham Marshall lobbing the ball over the head of goalkeeper Chris Way.

The scoreline means Wycombe have put 18 goals past the Casuals this season.